

Throughout the year-long anniversary celebration, alumni, students, and faculty were invited to participate in various events under the theme "Remember the Past. Celebrate the Present. Pioneer the Future." These events included a campus art show displaying generations of student work, featured profiles of alumni and staff, and various forums for sharing their memories. The celebration culminated with a birthday party on October 15th, 2016.

I would like to congratulate all the past and present faculty, staff, and students on 150 years of proud and pioneering years in the pursuit of higher education. It is because of your commitment that UW-Platteville is such a success and it is through you the university will continue to lead the way for another 150 years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TAYLOR FORCE

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an American hero, who was taken from us far too soon by an act of terrorism.

Taylor Force was a student at Vanderbilt University, working to obtain his Master in Business Administration, when he traveled on a school-sponsored trip to Jaffa, Israel in March 2016. While there, he was attacked and killed by a Palestinian terrorist. He was 28 years old.

Before going back to school for his master's degree, Taylor attended the New Mexico Military Institute, graduating in 2006. I then had the honor of nominating Taylor Force to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He graduated from West Point in May of 2009 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. As a Field Artillery Officer, Taylor served our country by completing one combat tour in Iraq and another combat tour in Afghanistan.

On behalf of a grateful nation and the 19th District of Texas, which Taylor called home for many years, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring veteran Taylor Force. His courage, sacrifice, and dedication will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE LINDA LAWSON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to recognize the 2016 Democrat Woman of the Year Award recipient, as presented by the Lake County Women's Democratic Club. This year's recipient is my good friend, the Honorable Linda Lawson, Indiana State Representative. To commemorate this special occasion, the organization hosted a celebratory event on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at The Patricia Banquet Center in Schererville, Indiana.

Linda Lawson was born and raised in Hammond, Indiana, where she graduated from Donald E. Gavit High School. Later, she attended Indiana University Northwest in Gary before embarking on what would be a lifelong career in public service. Linda has made her community proud and has the distinction of being the first female police officer with the Hammond Police Department, from which she retired as a captain after 24 years of service. In her continued pursuit of bettering her community, Linda was elected to the Indiana General Assembly in 1998, as the representative for House District 1, a seat in which she proudly remains today.

Throughout her illustrious career as a state representative, Linda served as chair of the House Judiciary Committee, as well as on many legislative committees including Environmental Affairs, Courts & Criminal Code, Family Affairs, Education, and Labor. In 2012, Representative Lawson was elected Indiana House Democratic Floor Leader. Holding true to her commitment to protect and serve, she has been a tireless advocate and leader in the push for essential domestic violence legislation. Representative Lawson has received numerous honors and accolades for her exemplary service and dedication to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, and she is an inspiration to us all.

Linda Lawson selflessly and passionately gives her time to various community organizations and civic activities for which she is very proud. These organizations include Haven House, the Hammond Historical Society Board, the Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, the Humane Society of the Calumet Area, and the Boys & Girls Club.

Linda's excellence in her field and commitment to charitable endeavors throughout the community is exceeded only by her devotion to her amazing family. She has two beloved daughters, Laura and Jennifer, and one cherished granddaughter, Genavive.

I am proud to call Linda Lawson my friend. Throughout the years, she has been an outstanding advocate for the community of Northwest Indiana, as well as our state. She epitomizes what it means to be a public servant. I am grateful for what she has done for so many for so long.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the Honorable Linda Lawson for her lifetime of leadership and outstanding service to the community. Her continuous effort to improve the quality of life for the residents of Indiana is remarkable, and she is worthy of the highest praise.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE SOUTHEAST CAMPUS

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, this week the Tarrant County College Southeast Campus will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary. The Southeast Campus opened in 1996 with an enrollment of 3,993 under the guidance of founding President, Dr. Judith J. Carrier, along

with 44 other full-time faculty members. The long-awaited campus quickly exceeded capacity, serving about 10,000 students face-to-face, as well as in dual credit courses at nine area high schools. In 2012, Dr. William Coppola became President and soon added a Collegiate High School to the campus. He currently is joined by 140 full-time faculty members serving a face-to-face student population of more than 11,000, and an additional 3,500 dual credit students in 11 area high schools.

The Southeast Campus has developed a strong relationship with both the Arlington and Mansfield ISD's, maintaining a vibrant and successful Dual Credit Program in which students can earn up to as many as 42 transferable college credits. In addition, the campus works with these ISD's to develop Career and Technical Certificate options for the students. The campus has partnered with both ISD's to open Collegiate High Schools, serving first-time college students and those from low socio-economically disadvantaged families.

The Southeast Campus faculty, staff, and student populations are diverse, and the Campus has built strong relationships with the various ethnic chambers in the community. Scholarship programs, cultural programs, and business/economic development events on campus have been attended by various members of the Tarrant County Asia American, Pan Asian American, Arlington Black, and Arlington Hispanic Chambers of Commerce.

As the campus celebrates its 20th anniversary, the campus will remain "the Spirit of Southeast", which is exemplified in service to the community and forward thinking by the faculty, staff, and administrators who work tirelessly to promote student success at all levels. I am pleased to recognize the Tarrant County College Southeast Campus on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF UNIONVILLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S 151ST ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation and leadership of Unionville Missionary Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia as the church celebrates a remarkable 151 years. The congregation of Unionville Missionary Baptist Church celebrated this very significant anniversary on Sunday, October 16, 2016.

Tracing its roots back to the Civil War era, Unionville Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1865. Prior to that time, black and white people of the Baptist and Methodist faiths worshipped together. When the white believers decided they no longer wanted to worship with the black believers, the black believers were left without a place to worship.

Later in 1865, Mr. Wyler, a wealthy landowner, decided to donate land for a black church to be established. He stipulated that the first black Baptist or Methodist to place timber on the land and sit on it all night would be awarded the deed to the land. Thus, two enterprising black Baptists, Lee Buckman and John Josey, retrieved the timber from their